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State Library Notes:

ILL Year-End Report: During FY 1995 50,592 interlibrary loan requests were filled by Montana libraries for other Montana libraries. Under section 22-1-328 MCA public, school, academic, and institutional libraries, and libraries operated by nonprofit private educational or research institutions are eligible to be reimbursed for sharing materials through this program. The state legislature appropriated \$200,000 during the year for this.

Of the ILL's during the year, 45.9% of the total was filled by academic libraries, 38.8% by public libraries, 1.5% by school libraries, and 13.8% by special libraries. The four major providers of ILL's were:

- MSU-Billings (3,869 loans),
- MSU-Bozeman (6,933),
- University of Montana (4,989),
- Parnly Billings Library (4,726).

These four institutions filled 40.6% of all ILL's during the year. The breakdown by number of ILL's per quarter of the year: 1st quarter: 10,233; second quarter: 12,977; third quarter: 16,006; and fourth quarter: 11,376.

The top five loaning libraries within each category:

- Academic: MSU-Bozeman, UofM, MSU-Billings, MSU-Northern, and Western Montana College of UofM
- Public: Parnly Billings, Flathead County, Missoula, Lewis & Clark, and Great Falls
- School: Chinook High, Skyview High, Sidney High, Flathead Senior High, Dawson County High
- Special: St. Vincent's Hospital, Billings Clinic Medical, St. Patrick's Hospital, Columbus Hospital, and Montana Deaconess Medical Center

Fifteen academic, 40 public, 14 school and 14 special libraries requested reimbursement during FY 95.

If your library is interested in participating in the program and you have not received forms in the mail, contact Mary Jane West at the State Library [406]444-3384.

The Legislature has approved an additional \$100,000 of general funds [bringing the total to \$300,000] for this fiscal year and next. The reimbursement rate will be \$5.95 per transaction for at least the first three quarters of this year.

Participating libraries must retain records which correspond with those submitted to the State Library for a period of three years. These records should be kept by quarters [i.e., July 1 through June 30, etc.] which correspond with state fiscal years which begin July 1.

Pam Smith Presented Performance Award: Pam Smith, Administrative Assistant in the Natural Resource Information System [NRIS], was selected by the State Library as this year's recipient of the Governor's Appreciation Award for Excellence in Performance. The award is presented to employees who are judged to be outstanding by their peers. Pam was cited for her consistent efforts to improve working conditions and work satisfaction for fellow workers, which have brought about improvements, and her efforts to build

bridges between library departments. Governor Racicot will present the award on Employee Recognition Day, September 27, 1995 in the Capitol rotunda.

Previous recipients of the award from the State Library have been Genevieve Allen, Darlene Staffeldt, Harold Chambers, Gerry Daumiller, and the entire staff.

ADL NEWS: Allan Cox, Director of the NRIS was invited to the first Alexandria Digital Library [ADL] National Design Review Workshops in Leesburg Virginia in September. The ADL is one of six projects funded by NSF, ARPA and NASA. One goal of these four-year awards is to lay the foundation for a National Digital Library. Sponsors intend to design, implement, and evaluate a nationally-distributed digital library for spatially-indexed information that includes collections of both graphic and text-oriented materials. More information on ADL may be found in NRIS's Web pages with URL <http://alexandria.sdc.ucsb.edu>.

NRIS and Internet: NRIS has a great deal of information available. Following is a partial list. Bear in mind that this information can be put together in an infinite number of ways and you have access to many other databases through NRIS. Call [406]444-5354 for help.

NRIS: Program Goals, Fee Policy, FY 94 Annual Report, 1897 USGS Geologic Atlas

WATER: Montana Drought, Monitoring (GIS Map Images) Using GIS to Support Volunteer Water Monitoring Projects

Map of Montana's Hydrography

GIS: Documentation for over 150 Databases

Graphic and Database inter-

change files for many GIS databases

"Montana GIS NEWS"

Montana Interagency Technical Working Group - "GIS STANDARDS Plan"

Information on Montana GIS Organizations including: Users Group, Interagency Technical Working Group

HERITAGE: Lists of Species, Special Concern: Vascular Plants, Vertebrates, Animals State Distribution Maps

The State Publications

Distribution Center has extended the deadline for applying for the open library depository slot. If your library is interested in receiving the State Publications available via the Distribution Center, please call immediately. The selected library will need to sign a contract with the Montana State Library. Call Darlene Staffeldt at [406]444-5381 or Harold Chambers at [406]444-5432. The selection will be made October 27, 1995.

Center for the Book: The

Montana Center for the Book, headquartered at the State Library, will participate in the Weekly Reader Read magazine's "Letters About Literature" contest. Weekly Reader and the Library of Congress's Center for the Book are the co-sponsors of this effort. Students grade 6 and up write essays of no more than 1,000 words in the form of letters to authors of books which have affected them either positively or negatively. Each state winning essay receives \$100, and the grand prize winner travels to Washington, D.C. with a parent or guardian to receive the award. Montana Center for the Book members will be working out details of this contest and will be informing Montana libraries in the near future.

Corrections to the 1995

Montana Library Directory:

- Fallon County Library new phone number: 406-778-2883x175
- Phillips County Library new Director: Janeen K. Brookie
- Seeley Lake Branch Library new

Branch Librarian: Susan Stone

- Plains Public Library new name is Plains District Library
- Polson City Library new phone number: 406-883-8225; new fax number: 406-883-8239
- Mineral County Public Library new phone and fax number: 406-822-3563
- Alberton Branch Library new phone number: 406-722-3328
- St. Regis Branch Library new Branch Librarian: Louise Triplett; new phone number: 406-649-2785
- Thompson-Hickman County Library new fax number: 406-843-5347

Commission News:

SPECIAL INVITATION: All

interested persons who are in the Choteau area for library-related meetings October 17th and 18th are invited to the Bert Guthrie ranch for coffee and dessert Tuesday evening, October 17th, starting at 7:30 p.m. To get to the ranch, take Highway 89 north from Choteau for 10 miles. When you reach the North Montana Feeders, turn right directly across from the feedlot and take the "world's longest driveway" two miles to the Guthrie residence. Please RSVP to Mary Jane West at the State Library, 444-3384, by Friday, October 6th.

Everyone is also invited to a social hour with donuts and coffee, compliments of the Friends of the Library, at the Choteau Public Library Wednesday morning, October 18th, at 8:30 prior to the Commission meeting.

August Commission Meeting:

The State Library Commission approved a new procedure, including a revised schedule, for approval of federation plans of service. The two motions passed unanimously at the August 8th meeting were: "That the State Library Commission approve a transitional procedure for federation plans of service, based on the following: a. That the State Library Commission does have responsibility and authority to approve federation plans of service and that the Com-

mission does have responsibility and authority to approve or deny funding for the components of the plans of service; b. That plans of service must address the following goals for FY 96-97: 1. Reference, resource sharing, and consulting with emphasis on continuing education and technology. c. That the State Library Commission can disapprove a plan of service only because it: 1. Was not prepared according to the procedures and forms established by the State Library Commission and staff, or 2. Does not address the authorized purposes and/or priorities as established by the State Library Commission."

"That the State Library Commission approve a transitional procedure for federation plans of service, based on the following:

During the initial transition period:

1. The next plan of service will be submitted by federations by January 1996.
2. The time line for approval of the plan of service will be: a. Submission by the federation in January 1996. b. Action by the State Library Commission in February 1996. c. Changes or appeals during March 1996. d. Any changes acted upon by the State Library Commission in April/May 1996. e. State Library Commission action on federation plan of service at the May 1996 meeting."

Lundy also moved, and the Commission concurred, "we immediately begin to prepare for administrative rule changes," to deal with the issue of Federation/ Commission relationships.

Public Library News:

Bill Cochran, Director of the Parnly Billings Library, has been appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Telecommunications.

Jim Heckel, Director of the Great Falls Public Library, has been named by the other federation coordinators to serve a one-year term as their representative on the Montana Library Services Advisory Council. Emory Robotham was chosen to report federation activities to the Commission.

Bozeman Public Library:

Everyone who signs up for a new library card during "Library Card Sign-Up Month" in September, at the Bozeman Public Library will have his/her name entered in a raffle drawing. Winners will receive prizes donated by local businesses.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) View and Voice system is now available to BridgerNet patrons. It contains the same information about the Library's collection as other BridgerNet terminals. It has features to make the information more accessible to patrons with visual impairments.

Montana Libraries Chosen for Fundraising Training Project:

Parmly Billings Public Library and West Yellowstone Public Library were chosen to participate in ALA's Library Leadership Fundraising Training Project. Nationwide, 60 libraries were chosen out of 325 applicants. Participants will attend a seminar, then develop and implement their own fundraising project and will be provided with consultation throughout the grant period.

Other Montana News:

LVA-BLP Receives \$35,000

Grant Award: LVA-Butte Literacy Program, Inc. has received an LSCA Title VI grant award in the amount of \$35,000 for the 1995-1996 fiscal year. LSCA Title VI is geared towards library adult literacy programs. This grant will account for 60% of their total budget for the year.

Telecommunications and

Distance Learning Symposium:

This symposium, sponsored by the Montana Telecommunications Advisory Council, will be held at the Billings Holiday Inn October 1 - 3, 1995 and will feature sessions on regulatory impediments to deployment of systems, business opportunities available through Information Technology, education applications of existing technology, LANs and WANs, and a hands-on Internet

training workshop. Pre-registration costs \$70 (\$85 at the door), with reduced rates available for groups. The Internet workshop costs \$15. For information or to register contact: Cynthia Denton, 423-5505; e-mail: cynthia@bigsky.dillon.mt.us.

Sheila Cates Scholarship Fund:

Over \$8000 has been raised for the fund to date. This success is the result of generous donations of time and money by many individuals. MLA started the fund in memory of Sheila Cates, former coordinator of Library Development at the State Library.

Montana Volunteer Resource Library:

Created in 1995 by the Governor's Office of Community Service in conjunction with the Montana State Library, this library is to provide all Montanans access to reference materials covering all areas of volunteerism and to promote the ethic of volunteerism in Montana. Materials, available through inter-library loan, include managing volunteers, developing an efficient non-profit board of directors, and step-by-step grant writing. For questions on interlibrary loan of these materials, contact Darlene Staffeldt at the State Library [406-444-3004]. If you have suggestions, call Tammy Cahill at the Montana Office of Community Service [406-444-5547].

A bibliography of these materials will be available soon.

National News:

Ron Miller Resigns from WLN:

Ron Miller, President and CEO of WLN, tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors effective September 1, 1995 after extensive discussions with the Board. WLN has notified its customers. Miller, the longest-serving head of WLN, was instrumental in transforming WLN from a Washington state agency to a nonprofit private corporation. The Board expressed its

appreciation for his accomplishments during his tenure. Paul McCarthy, Chair of the Board of Directors, will be Acting Corporate Executive Officer until Miller is replaced. McCarthy is currently a library consultant and Director of Libraries, Emeritus, at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Board of Director members from Montana are Leza Hamby, Director, Library Services of Rocky Mountain Laboratories Library in Hamilton, and State Librarian Richard Miller.

MPLA Awards Nominations:

Nominations for the Mountain Plains Library Association 1996 are due November 1, 1995. Contact Vince Anderson, MESA Public Library, 64 East 1st Street, Mesa, AZ 85201. Award categories include: exhibitors, distinguished service, news media support, literary contribution, and beginning professional.

Banned Book Week: Set for September 23-30, libraries, bookstores and other organizations around the country will observe this 14th annual event by sponsoring activities such as readings highlighting challenged or banned books, discussion groups or community forums, and showing educational films and videos. Contact: ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, [800]545-2433x4113.

PLA 1996 National Conference Program, Registration Information Available:

More than 110 continuing education programs will be offered during the Public Library Association's [PLA] Sixth National Conference "Access for All: The Public Library Promise," to be held March 26-30, 1996 in Portland, Ore.

The conference will include 250 exhibitors and a number of special exhibit events including author signings. Registration forms will be mailed to PLA members in October. Contact: [800]545-2433xPLA.

ICONnect Information Available from AASL:

Free information packets about ICONnect, a technology initiative of the American Association of School Librarians, are available.



ICONnect is designed to get students, library media specialists and teachers connected to the Internet. The three year initiative includes on-line Internet training, a curriculum advisor program, a mini-grant program and KidsConnect!, a question and answer service for students. For a free ICONnect packet, contact: AASL (ALA) [800]545-2433x1390 or e-mail ICONnect@ala.org.

Three New Listservs: RASD-L is a listserv designed to provide improved communications between RASD [Reference and Adult Services Division of ALA] members, officers and staff. Subscribers will can interact with each other on RASD and ALA issues, exchange RASD committee information, post

ALA Midwinter and ALA Annual Conference announcements, and discuss topics related to reference and adult services. To subscribe send a message to listserv@uicvm.uic.edu. Leave subject blank and have the message read: subscribe RASD-L firstname lastname.

RASDNEWS is an irregular electronic newsletter. Subscribers will receive late-breaking news from RASD committees and section as well as first alerts on ALA news. To subscribe to RASDNEWS send a message to listserv@uicvm.edu and leave the subject blank. The message should read: subscribe RASDNEWS firstname lastname.

Contact: Cathleen Bourdon
[800]545-2433x4395 or e-mail cathleen.bourdon@ala.org.

FRFDS-L is a moderated fund raising, financial development listserv from ALA's Library Administration and Management Association [LAMA]. It focuses on such topics as foundations, trust and endowment development and administration, annual giving, direct mail fund raising and capital campaign planning, implementation, and grantsmanship. To subscribe send an e-mail message to: listserv@uicvm.uic.edu. Leave the subject line blank. Put as the only line in the body of the message: subscribe FRFDS-L <yourfirstname> <yourlastname>. Contact Charles Kratz, FRFDS Chair [717]941-4008.

Calendar:

Sep 22-23 Internet Training
Sep 23-30 Banned Books Week
Sep 30 Broad Valleys Federation fall meeting and CE session
Oct 1-3 MTAC Telecommunication & Distance Learning Symposium [Holiday Inn-Billings]
Oct 4-7 Mountain Plains Library Association
Tri-Conference "Blue Print for the Future," in Sioux Falls, SD.
Contact: Joe Edelen, University of SD, [605]677-6082.
Oct 5 Pathfinder Federation fall meeting
Oct 9 Columbus Day [State Holiday]
Oct 13 Tamarack Federation fall meeting
Oct 14 Sagebrush Federation fall meeting
Oct 17 MLA Government Affairs Committee Meeting - Choteau
Oct 18 Montana State Library Commission Meeting - Choteau

Oct 19-20 International Reading Assn. Conference - Billings
Oct 20 WLN Board Meeting
Oct 21-24 COSLA meeting in Harrisburg, PA
Oct 28 South Central Federation fall meeting - Billings Parmlly Library
Nov 2 NRIS/Heritage Program 10th Anniversary Celebration [MSL]
Nov 2-3 MLA Academic and Special Librarians Retreat - Chico Hot Springs
Nov 10 Veteran's Day [State Holiday]
Nov 13-19 National Children's Book Week
Nov 17 Advisory Council - Helena
Nov 18-21 Western Council of State Library Agencies [Hawaii]
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day [State Holiday]
Dec 6 State Library Commission Meeting - Helena
Dec 25 Christmas Day [State Holiday]

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STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS

Who among us hasn't wished for better access to the information goodies we've been hearing about. All our patrons are clamoring for Internet access, WWW and HomePages. Could we share our CD-ROM products through state licensing? Think about a Techmobile traveling around the state hooking up computer networks, training librarians to train their patrons.

We, the Montana Statewide Library Technology Committee, have assembled eighteen working groups composed of librarians, community leaders and technology experts to help us carry the following mission statement to a strategic plan for all Montana Libraries by early 1996. **The Montana Statewide Library Technology Committee, dedicated to the concept of universal access to information resources for all Montanans, has as its mission the development of guidelines, strategies, and recommendations for Montana libraries, regardless of size, type or location.** This is all of us folks, we all are eligible and we all will benefit. Look for a Technology Team coming to your area soon!

The Statewide Library Technology Committee is continuing its work on the development of the Statewide Library Technology Strategic Plan. The committee met in Great Falls, August 24, 1995 at the McLaughlin Research Institute, to revisit the time lines for the development of the Library Technology Strategic Plan. Some of the work teams such as MARC Migration, Training and Continuing Education, Grant Writing, and Hardware/Software Evaluation have already met and are working toward the completion of draft documents which include recommendations from their teams. Based on the fact that many teams have not yet had their first meeting, it is the consensus of the Statewide Library Technology Committee that the time line for completion of the draft documents from the various work teams be moved forward to January 1, 1996. Summer vacations and various other issues have prevented the teams from getting organized in a timely fashion.

During the August 24th Great Falls meeting, Deborah Schlesinger, Director of Lewis & Clark Public Library, agreed to host a meeting of the Working Group Chairpersons to provide a forum, as well as inspiration for carrying on this important work. The meeting is scheduled for October 2, 1995 from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. in a conference room at Lewis & Clark Library. All members of the Statewide Technology Committee will be present to help provide the support for getting this Technology Long Range Strategic Plan pulled together.

It is with these concepts in mind that the Statewide Library Technology Committee hopes to tap the creative energies of Montana Librarians in the development of a Strategic Plan for Library Technology. Please contact members of your Statewide Technology Committee or Vicki Terbovich, Statewide Library Technology Consultant, by phone or E-mail or regular post, with your ideas or comments. Their names and addresses are on the back of this sheet.

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